



Ballona Wetlands Interim Management and Stewardship Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda November 9, 2004 6:00 – 8:00 pm Westchester Senior Center 8740 Lincoln Boulevard Los Angeles, CA

Meeting Objectives: The objective of this initial meeting of the Interim Management and Stewardship Subcommittee is to provide a forum for non-governmental organizations, land owners and the public to initiate a constructive dialogue with the Coastal Conservancy, the Department of Fish and Game and the State Lands Commission on the nature of interim management and stewardship activities to be undertaken in advance of a formal Ballona Wetlands Restoration Plan. This meeting and those that follow will also function as a means of exchanging information, ideas and approaches that could benefit the project area and surrounding communities.

1. Participant Introductions and Review of the Agenda (5-10 minutes)

Deborah Ruddock (Coastal Conservancy) and John Jostes (Meeting Facilitator) will lead the introductions of those in attendance.

2. Review of the Agenda (5 minutes)

John Jostes will provide an overview of and seek feedback on the evening's agenda, including desired outcomes and opportunities for community participation.

3. Discussion of the Interim Stewardship Subcommittee Structure, Participation Expectations and Principles of Engagement (20 minutes)

Deborah and John will review the roles and expectations of the Subcommittee, including principles of engagement (see hand out), frequency of upcoming meetings and relationship to the work of the Restoration Plan Working Group, and will entertain participant questions.

Desired Outcome: Participant engagement and commitments to focus on future success of the wetland restoration effort.

4. Update on Current Interim Management and Stewardship Activity (10 minutes)

Deborah Ruddock will offer a short explanation of the currently authorized activities within the project area.

Terri Stewart will provide a brief explanation of DFG's process of granting access within the project area.

Desired Outcome: Information sharing regarding land management and stewardship efforts.

5. Discussion of Interim Management and Stewardship Activity Envisioned for the Project Area (~ 1 hour)

This agenda topic is intended to provide participants with an opportunity to briefly describe their organizations' current activities in the wetlands and/or their concepts for future stewardship activities that could take place within the next 1-3 years. Participants are encouraged to take between 3 to 5 minutes each to describe current and envisioned programs and activities and explain how these relate to the broader management and stewardship efforts envisioned for Ballona wetlands.

Desired Outcome: This discussion item is intended to lead to a better understanding on the part of all meeting participants of each organization's approach and intentions to contribute to the restoration effort, and lay the groundwork for informed dialogue on the full range of potential management programs and stewardship activities.

6. Information Items (5 minutes)

This item is intended to provide the opportunity for meeting participants to inform each other regarding matters of mutual interest.

7. Next Steps

- a. Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location
- b. Possible Agenda Topics for Future Meetings
 - i. Review of Current Activities
 - ii. Review of Inventory Matrix of a list of potential management needs and stewardship opportunities
 - iii. Review of preliminary calendar/timeline/restoration plan schedule
 - iv. Other/Participant Feedback

8. Adjourn